

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)	
Annual Assessment of the Status of)	MB Docket No. 06-189
Competition in the Market for the)	
Delivery of Video Programming)	

COMMENTS OF Evanston, Illinois

These Comments are filed by Evanston, Illinois in support of the comments filed by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors ("NATOA"), the National League of Cities ("NLC"), the National Association of Counties ("NACo"), the United States Conference of Mayors ("USCM") and other national municipal organizations. Like NATOA, Evanston believes that local governments want and encourage competition in the video programming marketplace. The local franchising process works and helps to ensure that all residents share in the benefits that increase competition brings to a community.

Our community previously filed Comments in the franchising proceeding, MB Docket No. 05-311, the implementation of Section 621 (a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Communications Protection and Competition Act of 1992. Because this Notice of Inquiry raises many of the same issues that were addressed by our earlier Comments, we are attaching a copy of those Comments for inclusion in this proceeding.

The local cable franchising process functions well in Evanston and it ensures that our community's specific needs are met and that local customers are protected. While we applaud efforts to increase competition in the video programming marketplace, the Commission should do nothing to impair the operation of the local franchising process as set forth under the federal regulatory scheme. The local Cable franchising process should not be used as an excuse for the failure of new cable, or other video service providers to enter into the marketplace.

Respectfully submitted,
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